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NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

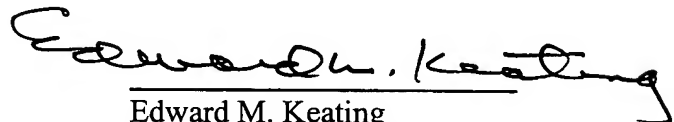
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2), notice is hereby given that the owner of the above-identified patent, Peer Bearing Company, prior to March 5, 2002, has lost its entitlement to small entity status with regard to this patent.

The undersigned attorney is authorized under 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1) to sign this statement.

Date: March 7, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



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ITEMIZATION AND PAYMENT OF DEFICIENCY FEE

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.28(c), the owner of the above-identified patent, Peer Bearing Company, states that small entity status was properly established in good faith for the above patent and fees as a small entity were paid in good faith, and it has been discovered that through error the Patent Office was not notified of a loss of entitlement to small entity status. The loss of entitlement to small entity status for this patent occurred prior to March 5, 2002. A separate paper under 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2) notifying the Patent Office of the loss of entitlement to small entity status is being submitted simultaneously with the present filing.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.28(c)(2), the patent owner supplies the following itemization of the deficiency owed. There were four fee payments erroneously made as a small entity.

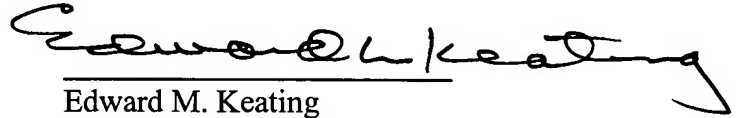
1. Fee that was erroneously paid a small entity:	<u>Filing fee paid on 3/5/2002</u>
Current fee amount for this fee:	\$1030
Amount of fee paid as a small entity:	\$370
Individual Deficiency for this fee:	\$660
2. Fee that was erroneously paid a small entity:	<u>Notice of Appeal fee paid on 6/28/2004</u>
Current fee amount for this fee:	\$510
Amount of fee paid as a small entity:	\$165
Individual Deficiency for this fee:	\$345
3. Fee that was erroneously paid a small entity:	<u>Appeal Brief fee paid on 6/28/2004</u>
Current fee amount for this fee:	\$510
Amount of fee paid as a small entity:	\$165
Individual Deficiency for this fee:	\$345
4. Fee that was erroneously paid a small entity:	<u>Issue fee paid 10/14/2007</u>
Current fee amount for this fee:	\$1440
Amount of fee paid as a small entity:	\$685
Individual Deficiency for this fee:	\$755
Total Deficiency payment owed:	\$2105

Please charge the total deficiency payment of \$2105 to deposit account 50-1039.

The undersigned attorney is authorized under 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1) to sign this statement and to use deposit account 50-1039.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward M. Keating", written over a horizontal line.

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